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REMARKS

The Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Comstock for the careful review of this application. Claims 1-15 and 26-33 are pending in this application and were subjected to a restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner on October 10, 2006. Claims 1, 26, and 33 are independent claims. The Applicant has provisionally elected Species I, corresponding to Claims 1-7, and 9-15, for prosecution, with traverse.

Request for Reconsideration of the Election of Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement of October 10, 2006, the Examiner did not provide a grouping for the claims. Instead, the Examiner stated that the application contained claims directed to patentably distinct species:

- Species I, as shown in Fig. 1;
- Species II, as shown in Fig. 8a; and
- Species III; as shown in Fig. 10a.

The applicant provides the following groupings of figures and claims:

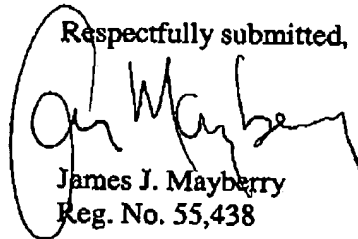
Grouping of Figures	Associated Claims
1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, and 6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15
7, 10a, 10b, 10c, 11, 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d, 12e, 12f, 12g, 12h, 13, 14a, 14b, 14c, 14d, and 14e	26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32
8a, 8b, 8c, and 9	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 14
15a, 15b, 15c, 15d, and 15e	
16a, 16b, 16c, 16d, 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 18a, 18b, 18c, 18d, 19a, 19b, 19c, 19d, and 19e	33

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone conference, please contact the undersigned in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area at (404) 572-3538.

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